

## **SUPPORT GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN**

### **Dreams Come True** (serves Milwaukee and Waukesha areas)

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Language group for children birth to 5 who are deaf and hard of hearing. Activities are presented using sign and speech. Parent education sessions are offered.

### **Shore to Shore** (serves Madison and Spring Green areas)

Madison:

2202 South Park Street

Madison, WI 53713

608/256-7799 Voice/TTY

608/241-5150

Email: [shore2shore1997@hotmail.com](mailto:shore2shore1997@hotmail.com)

Spring Green:

PO Box 374

Spring Green, WI 53588

608-588-9101

Email: [csteve@merr.com](mailto:csteve@merr.com)

The Shore to Shore program offers children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families the opportunity to connect in a friendly environment that promotes language, early literacy and social and emotional development. Activities are presented using sign language and speech. Shore to Shore also sponsors parent education and ASL classes.

### **Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (CDHH)**

Kellogg Child and Family Program (serves mostly Southeastern Wisconsin)

3505 North 124<sup>th</sup> Street

Brookfield, WI 53005

262-790-7169 (TTY)

262-790-0584 (TTY)

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The program includes Parent Education Workshop Series for parents and Communication Groups of deaf and hard of hearing children which provide opportunities for social interaction, language stimulation, speech and auditory development in a natural play setting.

**Hand-N-Hand**

Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center  
526 South Monroe Avenue  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
Contact Person: Jenny Geiken  
920/424-6226  
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Hand-N-Hand offers activities to children ages birth to five who are deaf and hard of hearing, their parents and families. Parents and children participate in play, songs, arts & crafts and stories, using sign language and speech. Parents also have the opportunity to chat with other parents and professionals associated with the Deaf Community and relate experiences, learn about hearing loss, and discover about resources in their area.

**Touching Families**

Dove Health Care (serves Eau Claire and surrounding communities in Western Wisconsin)  
Eau Claire, WI  
Contact Person: Carol Thompson  
715/838-9158  
Email: [simplycarol@charter.net](mailto:simplycarol@charter.net)

This support group of parents of deaf and hard of hearing children meets on the third Monday of the month; a playgroup for children are held during meetings every other month.

**Wisconsin Families for Hands and Voices**

PO Box 9644  
Green Bay, WI 54308-9644  
Contact Person: Molly Martzke (Email: [mpmartzke@yahoo.com](mailto:mpmartzke@yahoo.com))  
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This is a statewide organization for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children.

**DEAF --- Deaf Education and Families**

Kennedy Elementary School  
1754 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Green Bay, WI 54304  
920/494-2640

This is a support and networking group for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children of all ages that gathers regularly.

For information in other regions of the state for a listing of local parent support group:

Northern Region: Northern CSHCN Regional Center: 888/266-0028

Western Region: Western CSHCN Regional Center: 800/400-3678

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